

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Action is in response to Applicants' amendment filed on 01/06/2010. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 15, 17-21, 23, 28, 30 and 32-34 are now pending in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 15, 17-21, 23, 28, 30 and 32-34 are allowed.

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider claim 1, the prior art found during the examination of the present application fails to disclose, teach, or suggest, in combination with the other limitations recited in the above-mentioned claim, wherein a metadata element from the second media channel and the first packet format uniquely identify the first cell.

Consider claim 14, the prior art found during the examination of the present application fails to disclose, teach, or suggest, in combination with the other limitations recited in the above-mentioned claim, wherein the metadata includes metadata elements, and wherein a metadata element identifier of a received network packet and an identifier of the heterogeneous packet format to be translated to, uniquely identify the mapping used to translate from the Ethernet media format to the heterogeneous packet format.

Consider claims 21, 32, and 34 the prior art found during the examination of the present application fails to disclose, teach, or suggest, in combination with the other

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limitations recited in the above-mentioned claims, selecting one of the mappings in the data structure based on a desired output media format and a metadata element of the Ethernet header in combination~ and translating from the intermediate Ethernet media format to the desired outbound media format using the selected mapping.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

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